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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: ARC SEGMENT MAGNET, RING MAGNET AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 1, please delete the second full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:**

Rare earth sintered magnets put into practical use are produced by pulverization of an alloy, molding, sintering, heat treatment and machining, and further surface treatment, if necessary. Among them, R-T-B-based rare earth sintered magnets having  $R_2T_{14}B$  intermetallic compounds, wherein R is at least one rare earth element including Y, and T is Fe or Fe and Co, as main phases are widely used as high-performance magnets. However, alloy powder is rapidly

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